Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, March is a special time to recognize and thank our heroes with the American Red Cross – those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses, or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need; and,

Whereas, In the state of South Dakota, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its dedicated employees and hundreds of volunteers to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid; and,

Whereas, Across the country, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters a year, it provides some 400,000 services to military members, veterans and civilians, collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply, and trains more than 7 million people in first aid, water safety, and other life-saving skills every year; and,

Whereas, Our community depends on the American Red Cross; which relies on donations of time, money, and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission. Despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that, as Governor of the state of South Dakota, I applaud and recognize the selfless dedication of generations of Red Cross staff and volunteers:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 24-30, 2013 as

RED CROSS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State